

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES
OF
LEGISLATORS
AND
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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SIXTH DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVE W. L. DENMAN is a native of Georgia, where he was raised and educated prior to his coming to Texas, which occurred soon after he became of age. He at once settled in Eastern Texas, where he has lived for twenty-two years, at this time residing at Homer, in Angelina county, where he is engaged in farming.

Mr. Denman's public service went no further than that of a good soldier in the Confederate army, prior to 1874, when he took his seat in the lower house of the Fourteenth Legislature as a member from Angelina county. Here he served with much zeal, and considerable ability. He was a fearless, sometimes even reckless, debater, and occasionally got off witticisms highly appreciated by his audience.

Mr. Denman is a gentleman of kind feelings, and warm friendships, and possesses often a degree of tolerance that is commendable. He was renominated as a Democratic candidate for a seat in the lower house of the Fifteenth Legislature, to which he was elected by 2000 majority.

He is forty-five years old, and married.